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REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 10, 2004 has been carefully studied. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Examiner Simone has rejected the originally filed claims 1-7 of the present application under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,554,899. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner.

As mentioned in page 2, lines 3-10, in the juicier disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,554,899, *"the user still has to apply a force to return the Y-shaped handle after pressing fruit. Further, relatively high friction contact exists between the axle and a periphery delimiting the transverse hole of the head, between the respective end of the axle and the distal end of the respective arm, between the respective ear and the respective connecting rod, and between the respective pin and the respective arm. As a result, the Y-shaped handle cannot be operated smoothly."*

In the juicier defined by claim 1 of the present application, each ear 143 has an oil groove 145, each lug 154 has an oil groove 157, and each end of the axle 17 has an oil groove 172 surrounded by the head 13. The oil grooves 145 of the ears 143 allow smooth relative pivotal movement between the lower ends of the connecting rods and the ears. The oil grooves 157 of the lugs 154 allow smooth relative pivotal movement between the Y-shaped handle and the upper ends of the connecting rods. And the oil grooves 172 of the axle 17 allow smooth pivotal movement of the axle relative to the head.

Since claim 1 of the present application includes limitations directed to the features of the applicant's juicer which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in the cited references taken alone or in combination as indicated by the Examiner, the Examiner is

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requested to allow the pending claims of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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